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FAS Japan welcomes delegation from the National Future Farmers of America: On January 29, U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Japan hosted a delegation of student officers from the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization who will be touring Japan. This year, the FFA delegation consisted of six student leaders representing the FFA chapters in California, Nebraska, Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, and Florida. During their visit to the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, FAS Japan and other embassy sections provided a brief overview of core functions and the importance of the Japanese market for U.S. agriculture. The National FFA's International Collegiate Agricultural Leadership Program allows agriculture college students to travel overseas to learn about global agriculture and international marketing. While in Japan, these delegates will have an opportunity to do farm and market visits, and meet with members of Future Farmers of Japan. The U.S. Embassy's Minister-Counselor for Agricultural Affairs, David Miller, welcomed the delegation and shared his impressions of the Japan-U.S. agricultural relationship.



Minister-Counselor for Agricultural Affairs, David Miller, welcomes
the 2012-13 National Future Farmers of America Officer Team

Illinois Soybean Team Recognizes Partnership with Japanese Customers: During the week of January 28, 2013, an Illinois Soybean Association team visited Japan to meet with its customers to highlight the transportation, distribution and logistical advantages for Illinois soybeans. Illinois is the second largest U.S. soybean-producing state and its central location for many modes of transportation enables them to supply a high quality product, efficiently and with great reliability. The team had meetings with crushers, trading houses, shipping companies and distribution companies to discuss container methods for supplying soybeans. On the last day in Tokyo, the team held a reception and invited 30 Japanese customers to recognize the partnership with the Illinois soybean industry. The U.S. Embassy Tokyo's Minister-Counselor for Agricultural Affairs, David Miller, made opening remarks at the reception.

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